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Traveling Photographer Got His Pictures-- But They're in Africa

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AWAITS PICTURES
Herbert J. Broderick

Corona del Mar adventurer Herbert J. Broderick got some great pictures of Africa. Trouble is, they're still in Africa.

That's the story in a capsule of Broderick's visit to East Africa. The safari ended in his arrest and four hours of interrogation.

"I wished I were a black man about then," Broderick recalls now. The tall, tanned and prematurely white-haired traveler is back at home at 1017 Bonnie Doone Terrace, in the Irvine Terrace area of Corona del Mar, but his film still hasn't been sent to him.

BUSH COUNTRY

"I had just left the Mt. Kenya Safari Club at the 8,000-foot level and was taking pictures in the bush country," Broderick recalls.

He said he aimed his camera at giraffes, gazelles and a secretary bird.

Then he focused on a colorful building of bright reds, yellows and purples, he said.

"Suddenly I was sitting in the middle of Kenya's crack

mile regiment," the Newport man relates.

SURROUNDED

A patrol surrounded him, confiscated his camera and film and accused him of being a Shifra spy from Somalia.

All spoke good English as they marched him into the hotel compound surrounding the colorful building, he said.

During their interrogation, the Kenyans noted his passport showed he had visited 15 countries in four months. They wanted to know if he was a representative of the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) or some other country," Broderick says.

The chief of police came from Nanuguki and Broderick said he restrained himself from taking a picture of the uniformed Indian complete with turban, beard, and braid.

ORDEAL

Released after the ordeal, he was promised the return of the film if nothing of a condemning nature was found.

"I am waiting patiently," he added. Meanwhile he is showing the pictures of the rest of his five weeks of around-the-world travel.

Broderick keeps a screen set up at the entrance to his living room in readiness for armchair travelers. There is a deep red leather chair for guests' comfort while they view the 600 slides not confiscated in Kenya.